

ETERNITY



STUDY GUIDE

BASED ON THE GRAPHIC NOVEL BY RANDY ALCORN

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PART 1

Phineas and Lazarus

Eternity pages 1-22



On page 12 Lazarus says, "God does not need His instruments to know they are His instruments." Do you agree with this quote? If so, what are some ways God uses people without them knowing? Has this ever happened to you? (Either you helped someone and later found out God really used it, or you were helped by someone who had no idea how much they helped you.)

Lazarus spoke against Phineas for mistreating Tobias. He quotes from Proverbs 31:8-9: "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." What are ways we can live this out today?

What three words would you use to describe Phineas? How about Lazarus? Why did you choose these words?

PART 2

Jesus in Jerusalem

Eternity pages 23-45



What words of Jesus most stood out to you?

Why were the Pharisees so upset with Jesus?

How did Lazarus respond to the “disappointment” of not being healed by Jesus?

PART 3

Lazarus' Death and Paradise

Eternity pages 46-62



What do you think it might be like when you arrive in Heaven? What do you hope it is like?

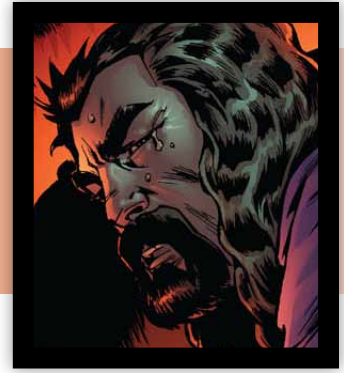
Why does Lazarus say he's rich when he gets to paradise (page 61) though he hasn't received any possessions?

Is there an Old Testament story that parallels Jesus' life and death? (Hint: Genesis 22) What are the parallels?

PART 4

Phineas' Death and Despair

Eternity pages 63-83



What was the vain idol Phineas had put his faith in?

How is Phineas's attitude when he's in hell different from how it was while on earth? How is it the same?

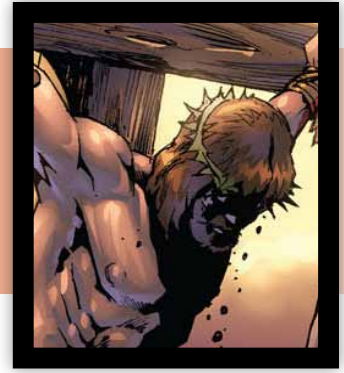
What do you think Abraham meant when he said to Phineas "You did not choose to know." How can we minister to people who have heard the gospel and rejected it?

What is the difference between regret and repentance?

PART 5

Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Eternity pages 84-105



How was the thief on the cross saved? How is his salvation fair or unfair?

Why didn't Jesus call down the angels to take Him down from the cross?

What stood out to you most in this graphic depiction of Jesus' death and resurrection?

PART 6

Eternal Destinations

Eternity pages 106-120



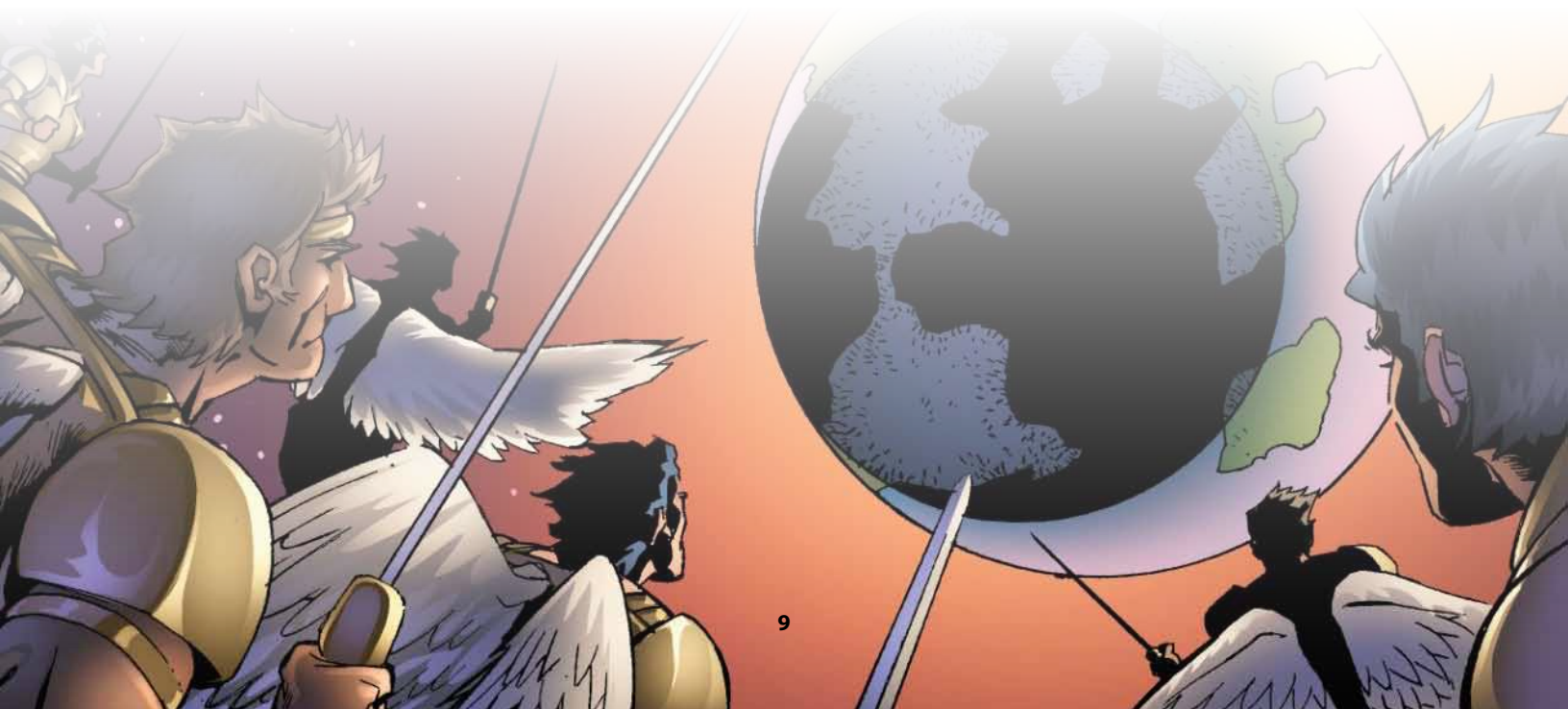
What is the good news Jesus shares after His resurrection?

What was the motive for Phineas's murder?

Phineas is doomed to suffer for eternity while Lazarus will rejoice for eternity. What led them to their eternal fate?

How does the concept of eternity affect how you live today?

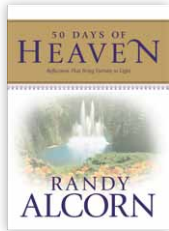
On earth it looked like Phineas was blessed and favored by God, but now we see it was Lazarus. What does this show you about what God values and what the world values?



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Available from Eternal Perspective Ministries

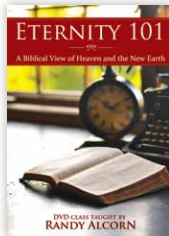
Related Books and Products from Randy Alcorn



50 Days of Heaven

Randy Alcorn brings eternity to light in 50 inspiring and thought-provoking meditations that will forever change the way you think about the spectacular new universe that awaits us.

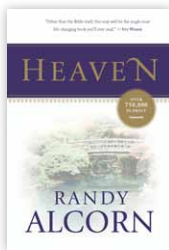
Learn more and read an excerpt at www.epm.org/50days.



Eternity 101 DVD Set

The Eternity 101 class contains 12 one-hour sessions on 6 DVDs that will help you gain a better understanding of our eternal dwelling place. This video series will spark your imagination, draw you closer to Jesus, and change how you live today.

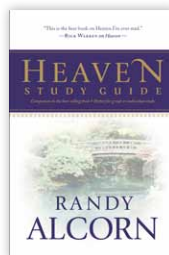
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Heaven

In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy invites you to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it—a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ's presence.

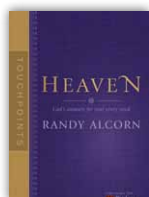
Learn more and read an excerpt at www.epm.org/heavenbook.



Heaven Study Guide

In this companion piece to his book *Heaven*, Randy Alcorn invites you to take an even closer look at Heaven. Perfect for individual or group study, the 87-page *Heaven Study Guide* features more than 250 thought-provoking questions.

Learn more and read an excerpt at www.epm.org/heavenstudyguide.



Touchpoints: Heaven

Inspired by Randy Alcorn's comprehensive book *Heaven*, this reference guide contains biblically based answers to many questions about Heaven. Question and answer format, with a topical index.

Learn more and read an excerpt at www.epm.org/touchpoints.



Heaven booklets (pack of 20)

This booklet is a sampling of the questions and answers found in the larger book and is used widely at memorial services and funerals, and as an evangelistic tool with friends and neighbors. (Also available for purchase as single copies.)

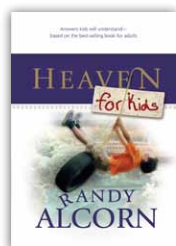
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Heaven tracts (pack of 25)

Randy explains that Heaven isn't our "default destination" and that specific preparation must be made if we are to safely arrive in Heaven.

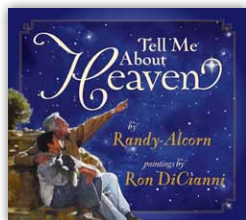
Learn more and read the tract at www.epm.org/heaventract.



Heaven for Kids

In a language that kids can understand, Randy explores Biblical answers to the questions kids often have about Heaven. Intended for kids age 8-12, it is an excellent resource for families.

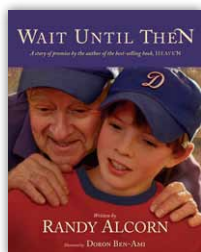
Learn more and read the tract at www.epm.org/heavenforkids.



Tell Me About Heaven

When Jake asks his grandfather, "What's it like where Grammy is?", children will be ushered into a warm story answering the many questions kids have about Heaven. Features paintings by Ron DiCianni.

Learn more and read the tract at www.epm.org/tellmeaboutheaven.



Wait Until Then

Let Randy help your child understand what the Bible says about Heaven and the New Earth yet to come. The story focuses on whether a handicapped boy and a weak grandfather will one day play baseball. Paintings by Doron Ben-Ami.

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Explore more resources on the EPM website

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There are many more free articles and audio and video resources related to Heaven and the New Earth on EPM's website at www.epm.org/resources/category/heaven.



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- to teach the principles of God's Word, emphasizing an eternal viewpoint;
- to reach the needy in Christ's name, calling attention to the needs of the unreached, unfed, unsupported, unborn, unreconciled, and untrained.

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You can order all of Randy's books and products through EPM's online store at **www.epm.org**. (The EPM web site also has many free resources, including articles, audio, video, pastors' kits, and more.) When you purchase Randy's books from EPM, the profits go directly to support the work of the ministry and fund our operating expenses. This frees us up to continue giving away 100% of the book royalties for ministry purposes, most of those to other ministries, and some to help facilitate the giving away of our books to people all over the world.

Several times a year, EPM produces *Eternal Perspectives*, a full-color magazine filled with thought-provoking and informative articles, most authored by Randy, on a variety of subjects related to Christian living, Heaven, giving, missions, and much more. EPM also sends a periodic eNews with the latest news about Randy's books, projects, and speaking events, as well as featured family news and special promotions from EPM. You can subscribe at **www.epm.org/subscribe**.

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*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

— 2 Corinthians 4:18